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SUBJ: ECEVIT GOVT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EC

BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO THE FONMIN, THE TWO  
PARTNERS K THE GOVT COALITION HAVE IN EFFECT AGREED TO  
SUBMERGE THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER TURKEY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH  
THE EC BY OPTING FOR RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ECONOMIC  
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DEVELOPMENT. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE FONMIN

PUBLICLY APPEARS TO HAVE GONE FURTHER THAN ANY TURKISH SPOKESMAN YET IN INDICATING TURKEY MIGHT SEEK FULL POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE EC, A POINT THAT CUSTOMARILY HAS BEEN SKIMMED OVER BY PAST GOVTS. END SUMMARY

1. FONMIN TURAN GUNES, IN A FEB 17 INTERVIEW WITH THE NEWSPAPER CUMHURIYET, HAS PROVIDED A RATIONALIZATION FOR THE MINORITY COALITION PARTNER'S SILENCE ON THE GOVT'S POLICY TOWARD THE EC. THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HAD BITTERLY CRITICIZED THE COMMON MARKET AS INFRINGING ON SOVEREIGNTY, AND AIMING AT DESTROYING TURKISH NATIONALISM AND INDUSTRY. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN THE COALITION PROTOCOL AND THE GOVT PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE TWO PARTIES, IT WAS AGREED THAT RELATIONS WITH THE EEC WOULD BE MAINTAINED BUT THAT THE ANNEX PROTOCOLS TO THE BASIC AGREEMENTS WOULD BE REVIEWED TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF TURKEY'S RELATIONSHIP.

2. ACCORDING TO GUNES, WHILE THE MAJORITY COALITION PARTNER--THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP)--AND THE NSP DIFFER OVER THE EVENTUAL GOAL OF FULL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP IN THE EEC THEY AGREE THAT RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE NECESSARY PRELIMINARIES. A DECISION ON WHETHER TO JOIN THE EEC FORMALLY WOULD BE LEFT TO A FUTURE GOVT, GUNES SAID. THE FONMIN'S REMARKS BECAME MORE INTERESTING WHEN HE INDICATED THIS HIS PARTY, THE RPP, WAS FOR POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE LONG RUN. THE NSP, HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT, WOULD NOT ACCEPT A FORMULA THAT ENDED IN POLITICAL INTEGRATION.

3. GUNES WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT IN THIS INTERVIEW THAT TURKEY WAS NOT SWINGING AWAY FROM THE US IN ORDER TO WOO EUROPE. TURKEY WANTED CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE.

4. THE MFA (SECTION CHIEF TUYGAN, EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS) POINTED OUT TO US THAT THE FONMIN'S REMARKS WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER RPP PRONOUNCEMENTS, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ELECTION MANIFESTO WHICH SAID IN EFFECT THAT TURKEY SHOULD TAKE ITS PLACE WITHIN THE "INTEGRATION MOVEMENT" IN WESTERN EUROPE.

5. COMMENT: GUNES IN OUR JUDGMENT HAS GONE FURTHER IN THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT THAN ANY TURKISH SPOKESMAN OF ANY PARTY DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS IN INDICATING THAT POLITICAL INTEGRATION

WITH THE EC IS AN EXPLICIT IF FAR DISTANT GOAL. EVEN THE WARMEST  
SUPPORTERS OF TURKEY'S PRESENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC HAVE TENDED  
TO SKIP OVER THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL UNION AND HAVE  
STRESSED INSTEAD THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS. IN THE SENSE  
THAT GUNES IS SPEAKING FOR HIS PARTY, THE RPP HAS  
CERTAINLY ADVANCED WELL BEYOND THE RATHER NEGATIVE  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EC IT HAD AS LATE AS 1969.  
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